

States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for these specific purposes: Provided further, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

For an additional amount for Construction" for necessary expenses related to other disasters, \$39,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers is directed to use funds appropriated herein for disaster and other emergency needs, of which up to \$7,100,000 is for South Sacramento Streams, California; up to \$23,300,000 is for the Sacramento River Bank Protection, California; up to \$5,100,000 is for American River (Common Features), California; up to \$1,500,000 is for North Padre Island, Texas; and up to \$2,000,000 shall be provided at full Federal expense for the Hawaii water systems technical assistance program: Provided further, That the amount shall be available for the projects identified above and only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for "Operations and Maintenance" to dredge navigation channels and repair other Corps projects related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, 3,200,000 to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers is directed to use funds appropriated herein for dredging needs along the Texas gulf coast, of which up to \$2,000,000 is for Freeport Harbor, Texas; and up to \$1,200,000 is for Texas City, Texas: Provided further, That the amount shall be available only for the projects identified above and to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for "Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies," as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 18, 1941, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$3,099,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use the funds appropriated herein to modify, at full Federal expense, authorized projects in southeast Louisiana to provide hurricane and storm damage reduction and flood damage reduction in the greater New Orleans and surrounding areas; of the funds provided herein, \$530,000,000 shall be used to modify the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue drainage canals, and

install pumps and closure structures at or near the lakefront; \$250,000,000 shall be used for storm-proofing interior pump stations to ensure their operability during hurricanes, storms and high water events; \$170,000,000 shall be used for armoring critical elements of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system; \$350,000,000 shall be used to improve protection at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; \$215,000,000 shall be used to replace or modify certain non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish to incorporate them into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project; and \$1,584,000,000 shall be used for reinforcing or replacing floodwalls, where necessary, in the existing Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project and the existing West Bank and Vicinity project to improve the systems' performance: Provided further, That any project using funds appropriated herein shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: Provided further, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

For an additional amount for "Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies," as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 18, 1941, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses related to this and other disasters, \$17,500,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers is directed to use funds appropriated herein for restoration of funds for hurricane damaged projects in Pennsylvania: Provided further, That the amount shall be available for the projects identified above and only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

SA 3770. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 253, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

ACTIVITIES AND EXPORTS INVOLVING HYDROCARBON RESOURCES

SEC. 7. (a) Congress finds that—

(1) the United States is the largest oil importer in the world;

(2) the Federal Government predicts that, by 2025, 68 percent of the oil used in the United States will be imported;

(3) % of the oil reserves of the world are located in the politically unstable Middle East and are controlled by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries;

(4) global fuel consumption is projected to increase by 100 percent to 150 percent during the next 20 years, driven largely by the Chinese and Indian economies;

(5) that increased demand for fuel—

(A) will place the United States in ever-greater competition for oil and gas resources; and

(B) may result in an extension of Chinese involvement in developing Cuban oil and gas reserves to within a few miles of the coastline of the United States;

(6) the United States adheres to the principle that, in a case in which the exclusive economic zone of the United States is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of another country, a point equidistant to the maritime baselines of the 2 countries demarcates the exclusive economic zone of each;

(7) an example of the application of the principle described in paragraph (6) is that the exclusive economic zone of Cuba extends to within—

(A) 52 miles of the Florida Keys at—

(i) south of 24 degrees north latitude; and

(ii) east of -81 degrees west longitude; and

(B) 85.4 miles of the Florida peninsula at—

(i) south of 24 degrees north latitude; and

(ii) east of -81 degrees west longitude;

(8) Cubapetroleo, the state oil company of Cuba, recently—

(A) signed an oil production sharing agreement with the China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation; and

(B) purchased 3 deep-water drilling rigs from that Chinese state enterprise for use in the exclusive economic zone of Cuba;

(9) the exclusive economic zone of Cuba in the Gulf of Mexico is a 112,000-square-kilometer area that has been divided into 59 exploration blocks, each of which is approximately 2,000 square kilometers and an average depth of 2,000 meters (except that some of those blocks have a depth of as great as 4,000 meters);

(10) the northernmost of the exploration blocks described in paragraph (9) are located off the southwest coast of the State of Florida;

(11) a United States Geological Survey report entitled "Assessment of Undiscovered Oil and Gas Resources of the North Cuba Basin 2004" estimated that between 1,000,000,000 and 9,300,000,000 barrels of undiscovered oil and between 1,900,000,000,000 and 22,000,000,000,000 cubic feet of undiscovered natural gas along the northern coast of Cuba;

(12) the national security strategy of the President recognizes the increasing resource needs of China by stating that China is "expanding trade, but acting as if they can somehow lock up energy supplies around the world or seek to direct markets rather than opening them up";

(13) the United States embargo on Cuba prohibits United States companies from engaging in the exploration or extraction of hydrocarbon resources from the exclusive economic zone of Cuba;

(14) United States oil and gas industries are the world's leaders in the efficient and environmentally-safe extraction of oil and gas resources from marine deposits; and

(15) it is in the energy, national security, and environmental interests of the United States that the oil and gas companies of the United States be permitted to operate in the foreign exclusive economic zones that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States.

(b) The purpose of this section is to permit United States companies to participate in the exploration for and the extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of a foreign maritime exclusive economic zone that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including a regulation), United States